

Serial No. 10/679,779

**REMARKS**

In response to the rejection of claims 1-22 under §112, applicant is amending independent claims 1, 11 and 20 to set forth "a vehicle wheel" in line 3 and thereby provide a clear antecedent basis for "wheel" in the claims. Claim 19 is also being amended to correct a typographical error and provide a dependency on claim 11, and claim 20 is also being amended to correct a typographical error by changing "spring" to "springs" in line 9.

In view of the above amendments, applicant believes that claims 1-22 are in condition for allowance and respectfully requests that this application be passed to issue.

Respectfully submitted,

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